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1. SUMMARY: IN HIS PLENARY STATEMENT AND IN THE SUB-SEQUENT MEETING OF HEADS OF DELEGATION, SOVIET REP MOROKHOV PROVIDED A FAVORABLE INITIAL SOVIET REACTION TO THE US STATEMENT OF JANUARY 30 ON ON-SITE INSPECTION AND SAID THE US ACCEPTANCE IN PRINCIPLE OF VOLUNTARY ON-SITE INSPECTIONS CREATED A BASIS FOR RESOLUTION OF THIS LONG CONTESTED ISSUE. US STATEMENT, COMPLETING THE US PRESENTATIONS IN PLENARY ON VERIFICATION, OUTLINED FURTHER DETAILS OF THE US POSITION ON INTERNAL SEISMIC STATIONS AND ON THE RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS OF DESIGNATED INSPECTION PERSONNEL. THE UK STATEMENT ON VERIFICATION PROPOSED THAT THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP STUDY INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE OF SEISMIC DATA, AS WELL AS INTERNAL SEISMIC STATIONS AND
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THE RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS OF DESIGNATED INSPECTION PERSONNEL AND REITERATED SUPPORT FOR THE CONCEPT OF A SEPARATE VERIFICATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE US AND THE USSR WITH THE ASSOCIATION OF THE UK. END SUMMARY.

2. THE STATEMENT GIVEN BY US REP (WARNKE) (SEPTTEL) PRESENTED TWO ADDITIONAL COMPONENTS OF THE US VERIFICATION

PACKAGE, AS A BASIS FOR FURTHER ELABORATION IN TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP. ON INTERNAL SEISMIC INSTALLATIONS, THE STATEMENT DISCUSSED PROCEDURES FOR LOCATION, CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF COMPONENTS, AND TRANSMISSION OF DATA; IT EMPHASIZED THE NEED, ON THE ONE HAND, FOR APPROPRIATE RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY AND, ON THE OTHER THE REQUIREMENT FOR TIMELY AND RELIABLE AUTHENTICATED DATA. AMONG THE RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS OF ON-SITE INSPECTION PERSONNEL TO BE DEVELOPED, THE STATEMENT MENTIONED PROCEDURES FOR AGREEING ON THE INSPECTION AREA, THE RIGHTS OF HOST PARTY, THE CONCEPT OF A SPECIFIED LIST OF AUTHORIZED TECHNIQUES AND EQUIPMENT, LIMITS ON THE DURATION OF THE VISIT AND THE NUMBER OF PERSONNEL, AS WELL AS THE POSSIBILITY OF SUPPLEMENTING THESE PROCEDURES WITH ADDITIONAL RIGHTS, FUNCTIONS AND EQUIPMENT AS AGREED ON AD HOC BASIS.

3. IN STATEMENT (SEPTTEL) DISCUSSING FOUR ELEMENTS OF VERIFICATION, UK ACTING REP (EDMONDS) STRESSED THE NEED FOR NON-INTERFERENCE WITH NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS AND PROPOSED DISCUSSION BY TECHNICAL EXPERTS OF INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES OF SEISMIC DATA IN LIGHT OF DRAFT REPORT OF CCD AD HOC WORKING GROUP OF SEISMIC EXPERTS, AS WELL AS OF THE TWO SUBJECTS -- INTERNAL SEISMIC STATIONS AND ON-SITE INSPECTION -- WHICH WOULD BE INCORPORATED IN A SEPARATE AGREEMENT BETWEEN US AND USSR "WITH THE ASSOCIATION OF UK".

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4. IN AN INITIAL REACTION TO THE US STATEMENT OF JANUARY 30 ON ON-SITE INSPECTION, WHICH HE SAID WOULD BE CAREFULLY STUDIED BY SOVIET SIDE, SOVIET REP MOROKHOV SAID IT REPRESENTED A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. ALTHOUGH THE SOVIET DELEGATION WOULD WISH FURTHER CLARIFICATION ON CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE US PRESENTATIONS, ACCEPTANCE BY THE US OF THE PRINCIPLE OF VOLUNTARINESS OF ON-SITE INSPECTION INDICATED US WILLINGNESS TO SEEK A COMPROMISE AND CREATED THE BASIS FOR RESOLUTION OF AN ISSUE WHICH HAD LONG BEEN AN OBSTACLE IN THE TALKS.

5. IN THE MEETING OF HEADS OF DELEGATION FOLLOWING THE PLENARY, MOROKHOV AGAIN EMPHASIZED THE FAVORABLE SOVIET REACTION TO THE REVISED US POSITION. FOLLOWING A DISCUSSION OF FURTHER WORK PROGRAMS, IT WAS CONFIRMED THAT THE POLITICAL WORKING GROUP WOULD MEET FEBRUARY 1; A RESTRICTED MEETING WAS SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 2 AT WHICH MOROKHOV WOULD ASK QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE US VERIFICATION POSITION. THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP WILL MEET FEBRUARY 3. WARNKE

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